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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 13%

WASHINGTON, D.C., November 20--Airline passenger traffic rose 13.0 percent in October, compared with the same month last year, and was up 9.3 percent for the first 10 months of the year, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic passenger traffic in October increased 17.1 percent. Available seat miles had a gain of 11.5 percent. The load factor was 58.1 percent, up from 55.3 percent in October of 1985.

International passenger traffic of U.S. airlines in October declined 2.4 percent. The available seat miles were down 0.5 percent. The load factor was 58.0 percent, a drop from 59.2 percent in the same month a year ago.

During the first 10 months of the year, domestic passenger traffic was up 12.6 percent. Available seat miles increased by 12.7 percent. The load factor was 61.5 percent, almost unchanged from the 61.6 percent for the same months of last year.

International passenger traffic of U.S. airlines from January through October declined 3.2 percent. Available seat miles were up 7.2 percent. The load factor was 59.3 percent, falling from 65.7 percent for the first 10 months of 1985.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

OCTOBER 1986 - 1985

		OCTOBER			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	86	22,304,450	38,390,436	58.1	227,459,375	369,603,345	61.5
	85	19,043,935	34,416,290	55.3	201,972,735	327,973,636	61.6
PERCENT CHANGE		17.1	11.5		12.6	12.7	
INTERNATIONAL	86	5,056,227	8,710,281	58.0	52,046,458	87,719,768	59.3
	85	5,179,533	8,751,915	59.2	53,773,783	81,853,427	65.7
PERCENT CHANGE		(2.4)	(0.5)		(3.2)	7.2	
TOTAL	86	27,360,677	47,100,717	58.1	279,505,833	457,323,113	61.1
	85	24,223,468	43,168,205	56.1	255,746,518	409,827,063	62.4
PERCENT CHANGE		13.0	9.1		9.3	11.6	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, REPUBLIC, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, OZARK AND PSA. FRONTIER INCLUDED FOR JAN-JUL 1986/1985.